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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 500 BLOCK OF SOUTH HOUGHTON ROAD**

Just before 6:00 a.m. this morning, Public Safety Communications Division received a 9-1-1 call reporting a pedestrian that was struck in the roadway near S. Houghton Rd. and E. Camino De La Placita. Upon arrival, officers from Operations Division East located the pedestrian – who was pronounced deceased. Officers identified the pedestrian as 44-year-old **Jason Stark**. His family was notified of his passing.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit arrived to the scene to continue the investigation. Detectives learned that prior to the collision, Mr. Stark was lying in the roadway. A vehicle saw Mr. Stark and pulled over to call 9-1-1. Another vehicle, a white 2014 Lexus GS, was traveling northbound on Houghton Rd. when it struck the pedestrian. According to witness statements, Mr. Stark was seen stumbling in the roadway prior to lying down.

A DUI Officer responded to the scene and determined that the driver of the Lexus, a female in her 40s, was not impaired at the time of the collision. The investigation is ongoing; however, no charges or citations are expected at this time.

#### **Traffic Fatalities Year to Date:**

<b>For 2020 – 87</b>	<b>For 2021 –86</b>
Pedestrian – 31	Pedestrian – 31
Bicycle – 4	Bicycle – 7
Motorcycle – 23	Motorcycle – 10
Vehicle - 29	Vehicle – 38

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